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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Austin's current guidance requires a permit for fences in a floodplain, above 7 feet anywhere, or above 6 feet along residential public right-of-way other than an alley. Allowed height and grade/variance conditions are separate checks. Safe-fencing rules can apply even without a permit. Submit through the city's residential fence application process and do not start permit-required work until the permit is paid and active.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm Austin jurisdiction, property lines, public frontage and the floodplain.
- [ ] Record fence height at each grade change and distinguish solid from ornamental.
- [ ] Check corner sight lines, WUI, trees, utility access and pool-barrier conditions.
- [ ] Calculate replacement linear distance and check the whole-fence safety obligation.
- [ ] Prepare the plot plan, design drawing and any required consent/variance documents.
- [ ] Complete review, pay and activate the permit when required, then arrange inspections.

Not a permit, property survey, engineering plan or legal determination.

Confirm current rules, site conditions and required approvals with the authority.

Official sources, conditions and the full guide:

fenceadvisors.com/blog/austin-tx-fence-permits-code

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